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CHARLESTON, IL--Kurt Lorenzen (Calumet City-Crete/Monee) established himself as a starting guard for Eastern Illinois University's basketball Panthers midway through the season.

A 6-2 junior Lorenzen started the last 11 games of the season as the Panthers won eight of ten to finish at 14-13, their ninth straight winning season. It, also, was the first in NCAA Division I.

Overall he averaged just 4.1 but down the stretch was over seven points a game. In the season finale he had a game high 19 to pace Eastern to an 87-85 win over Western Illinois which assured the winning season.

He hit 63.9% from the field and the best turnover per minutes played ratio of anyone on the team. He averaged just one turnover for every 36 minutes.

"Kurt got an opportunity to play and made the most of it. He has good court sense and proved to be an accurate clutch shooter," said Coach Rick Samuels.

"He fit well into our offensive scheme and was a big factor in our late season success . . . being just one of two seniors next year he will be expected to provide a real leadership role."